

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1990

Introduced by Assembly Member Fong

February 23, 2012

An act to amend Section 451 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

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AB 1990, as introduced, Fong. Public utilities: rates and charges: service.

Existing law requires that all public utility charges be just and reasonable and that every public utility furnish and maintain adequate, efficient, just, and reasonable service, instrumentalities, equipment, and facilities as necessary to promote the safety, health, comfort, and convenience of its patrons, employees, and the public. Existing law further requires that all rules made by a public utility affecting or pertaining to its charges or service to the public to be just and reasonable.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 451 of the Public Utilities Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 451. (a) All charges demanded or received by any public
- 4 utility, or by any two or more public utilities, for any product or
- 5 commodity furnished or to be furnished or any service rendered

1 or to be rendered shall be just and reasonable. Every unjust or
2 unreasonable charge demanded or received for ~~such~~ *that* product
3 or commodity or service is unlawful.

4 ~~Every~~

5 *(b) Every* public utility shall furnish and maintain ~~such~~ adequate,
6 efficient, just, and reasonable service, instrumentalities, equipment,
7 and facilities, including telephone facilities, as defined in Section
8 54.1 of the Civil Code, ~~as are necessary~~ *necessary* to promote the
9 safety, health, comfort, and convenience of its patrons, employees,
10 and the public.

11 ~~All~~

12 *(c) All* rules made by *a* public utility affecting or pertaining to
13 its charges or service to the public shall be just and reasonable.